CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for configurating one or more products comprising the steps of:

providing a database containing product information;

5   separating a product into at least an item and a process wherein one or more item

parameters and one or more process parameters are identified;

linking item parameters and process parameters; and

creating a product identifier when the product is accessed.

2.   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of separating the product further comprises the

10   step of supplying an item template.

3.   The method of claim 1 wherein the step of separating the product further comprises the

step of supplying a process template.

4.   The method of claim 2 wherein the step of separating the product further comprises the

step of creating an item definition page based on the item template.

15   5.   The method of claim 3 wherein the step of separating the product further comprises the

step of creating a process definition page based on the process template.

6.   The method of claim 1 wherein a pricing algorithm assigns prices based on

predetermined production specifications.

7.   The method of claim 1 wherein parameters comprise description information.

20   8.   The method of claim 1 wherein parameters comprise quantity break pricing information.

9.   The method of claim 1 wherein parameters comprise pricing information.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of creating a product identifier comprises dynamically creating the product identifier when the product is sourced, quoted or ordered.

11. A system for configurating one or more products comprising:

a database containing product information;

5 separating means for separating a product into at least an item and a process wherein one or more item parameters and one or more process parameters are identified;

linking means for linking item parameters and process parameters; and

creating means for creating a product identifier when the product is accessed.

12. The system of claim 11 wherein the separating means for separating the product further comprises means for supplying an item template.

13. The system of claim 11 wherein the separating means for separating the product further comprises means for supplying a process template.

14. The system of claim 12 wherein the separating means for separating the product further comprises means for creating an item definition page based on the item template.

15 15. The system of claim 13 wherein the separating means for separating the product further comprises means for creating a process definition page based on the process template.

16. The system of claim 11 wherein a pricing algorithm assigns prices based on predetermined production specifications.

17. The system of claim 11 wherein parameters comprise description information.

20 18. The system of claim 11 wherein parameters comprise quantity break pricing information.

19. The system of claim 11 wherein parameters comprise pricing information.

20. The system of claim 11 wherein the creating means for creating a product identifier comprises dynamically creating the product identifier when the product is sourced, quoted or ordered.

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